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STORAGE CAPACITY FOR FOOD PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the storage capacity for food products increased during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total quantum of food products stored therein?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, the cold storage capacity for food products has increased during the last three years. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Plan schemes provides financial assistance in the form of grant in aid for the following types of cold storages:

I. Cold storage for non-horticultural produce; II. Where the cold storage is an integral part of the processing unit or of the common facilities in food park; III. Special type of cold storage with Controlled Atmosphere/Modified Atmosphere facility.

The National Horticulture Board under the Ministry of Agriculture provides assistance for cold storages for horticultural produce.

The total Cold Storage capacity in the country as on 31.12.2004 is estimated at 19552344 MT. The Cold Storage capacity has increased during the last three years. The total Storage capacity for food products and the quantum of food products stored therein is not centrally monitored in the Ministry.